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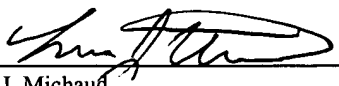
Re: U.S. Patent Application No.: 09/616,477
Filing Date: July 14, 2000
Entitled: **UPPER LAYER NETWORK DEVICE INCLUDING A PHYSICAL LAYER TEST PORT**
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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing are the following documents:

1. Preliminary Amendment;
2. Ten (10) pages of amended informal drawings;
3. One (1) page of Specification; and
4. Return Postcard.

The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees which may be associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 141449.

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Respectfully Submitted,



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